

Licensed Child Care Home Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 27, 2015

Office of Early Childhood Staff Present: Debbie Sampson

Resource & Referral Staff Present:

National Association for Family Child Care: Sheila Crossley

Advisory Board Members Present: Tammy Dunn, Marci Graves, Ginny Harman, Latrina Johanning, Colleen Land, Stephanie McKinstry, Joey Scherschel-Buckles, and Maria Wynne

Advisory Board Members Absent: Sabrina Chase, Noel Hanson, Tamela Hunt, Rebecca Kenworthy, Lois Noggle, Jennifer Quartucci, Eryn Wolf

- Colleen Land commented that Workforce Development was no longer the Child Care Resource & Referral. **(Debbie Sampson)** The contract change was for North/West Indiana and the new child care resource & referral agency effective 10/1/2015 is Early Learning Connections, Geminus.
- Carol Markle from the Indiana State Department of Education, Child and Adult Care Food Program, informed the committee that there will be no changes thus far with the food program.
 - **(Stephanie McKinstry)** Is there any specific new child nutrition food items? **(Carol Markle)** No, NAFCC gave State food programs food chart recommendations, but they are not required in Indiana.
 - **(Stephanie McKinstry)** Are all Minute Menu meal choices the same across the board? **(Carol Markle)** Indiana and its sponsors requested changes regarding high fat content food. The meal pattern has been reviewed, and feedback is still coming in.
 - **(Stephanie McKinstry)** The milk pattern has been changed. **(Carol Markle)** The USDA is emphasizing farm to preschool and public schools. **(Maria Wynne)** Has a garden with parent and child participation. **(Latrina Johanning)** Has a greenhouse for her garden with child participation and each child is given their own choice of vegetable or fruit. **(Carol Markle)** Providers and staff can take webinars through IACCRR to learn more about farm to Preschool.
- Debbie Sampson informed the committee that revision to child care regulations should be approved by Melanie Brizzi and then the legal department by the end of the year.
- Sheila Crossley from the National Association for Family Child Care informed the committee that there will be no observer training in Indiana. There will be an annual fund raiser in March 2016 (The week of the child). Providers can earn funds for their child cares. Individual providers can do this fund raiser, "Walk the Talk". The NAFCC conference is now considered an institute because, of the opportunity for providers to get scholarships.
- Stephanie McKinstry- Are fire drills still ongoing? **(Debbie Sampson)** Yes.
 - **(Maria Wynne)** What is the best practice with a fire drill at naptime? **(Debbie Sampson)** Think about if it's a real fire. Do what is normal in that circumstance. During fire drills and inspections, providers should not be warning the children about an upcoming fire drill.
 - **(Sheila)** Providers need to make sure that all staff and volunteers are trained in fire drills so that everyone is on the same page in case there is a real fire.

- Debbie Sampson listed the committee meetings for 2016. Meeting dates are as followed;
 - January 26, 2016
 - April 26, 2016
 - July 26, 2016
 - October 25, 2016

Old Business: Stephanie McKinstry made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 2015 meeting minutes, Colleen Land seconded that motion. **Motion Was Carried.**

Adjournment: Ginny Harman made a motion to end the meeting, Maria Wynne second that motion. The meeting was adjourned at 1:49 p.m. **Motion Was Carried.** The next Advisory Committee meeting will be on January 26, 2016